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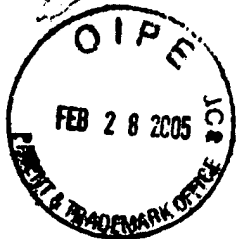
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Serial No.	08/949,525	Art Group:	2137
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UPDATED ENCRYPTION KEY PAIRS AND DIGITAL SIGNATURE KEY PAIRS IN A PUBLIC KEY SYSTEM

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 1-8 and 14-30 are allowed and that claims 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten to include limitations from intervening claims.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McDonald et al. in view of Schneier. It is alleged that the McDonald et al. article discloses all of the limitations of claim 9 except that the new encryption key pair is not computable from a previous